

COMPREHENSIVE ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

FINANCIAL SECTION

CITY OF CARSON, CALIFORNIA





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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the City of Carson, California as of and for the year ended June 30, 2009, which collectively comprise the City's basic financial statements, as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the management of the City of Carson. Our responsibility is to express opinions on these basic financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinions.

In our opinion, the basic financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the City of Carson, California, as of June 30, 2009, and the respective changes in financial position of the City of Carson, California for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

As discussed further in Note 10 to the financial statements, the City changed its method of accounting for postemployment benefits for fiscal years ending on or after June 30, 2009.

The City of Carson has not presented *Management's Discussion and Analysis* that the Government Accounting Standards Board has determined is necessary to supplement, although not required to be part of the basic financial statements.

The information identified in the accompanying table of contents as *required supplementary information* is not a required part of the basic financial statements, but is supplementary information required by the accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. We have applied certain limited procedures, which consisted principally of inquiries of management regarding the methods of measurement and presentation of the required supplementary information. However, we did not audit the information and express no opinion on it.



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Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the City of Carson's basic financial statements. The introduction section, combining and individual nonmajor fund financial statements, budgetary comparison schedules and statistical tables are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. The combining and individual nonmajor fund financial statements and budgetary schedules have been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, are fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole. The introduction section and statistical tables have not been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and accordingly, we express no opinion on them.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued a report dated May 3, 2010 for consideration of the City's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements, and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* and should be considered in assessing the results of our audit.

Mayor Hoffman McCann A.C.

Irvine, California
May 3, 2010